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FORMER ARMORED CAR EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR STEALING MORE THAN \$200,000

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former employee of an armored vehicle business in Springfield was sentenced in federal court today for stealing, and aiding others in stealing, more than \$200,000 from three local banks.

Stephanie Fuller Moreno, 38, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Moreno** to pay restitution of \$206,246.

On Dec. 1, 2003, **Moreno** pleaded guilty to stealing, and aiding others in stealing, from three federally insured banks. **Moreno** admitted that she stole, and aided others in stealing, more than \$200,000 that belonged to UMB Bank, Bank of America and Guaranty Federal Savings Bank from November 1999 to Nov. 4, 2002. During that time, Graves explained, **Moreno** was employed by an armored vehicle business. Among the services that company provides is to load currency in automatic teller machines owned by several financial institutions.

Moreno was hired as a vault manager at the company's Springfield facility in June 1997, Graves said. In that position, she was responsible for the vault and currency cabinet, where employees placed money that had been transferred from institutional customers to be loaded into their ATMs.

A surprise audit of the vault was conducted on Oct. 29, 2002. When UMB Bank informed the company that the count of its currency was short, **Moreno** was directed to fax her paperwork to the company's office in Topeka, Kan. Instead, Graves said, **Moreno** left work without explanation and never returned.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was

investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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